

Worksheet
Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy
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U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

A. BLM Office: Northern Field Office, Arctic Management Unit

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: FF 094408

NEPA Number: AK-023-06-017

Proposed Action Title/Type: National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Permit

Location of Proposed Action: Alpine Satellite Development Area – Clover Mine Site and access routes.

Description of the Proposed Action: Applicant plans to conduct soil and near surface geologic investigations by boring up to 69 holes up to 9 inches in diameter and up to 60 feet deep. The time period for the proposed project is between January and April 2006.

Applicant: Conoco Phillips Alaska, Inc.

Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans

Northeast National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska Integrated Activity Plan / Environmental Impact Statement. October 7, 1998.

Final Environmental Impact Statement Alpine Satellite Development Plan. September, 2004 and Record of Decision November 2004.

The applicant is a holder of oil and gas leases. A portion of the proposed action is to occur on Northeast Planning area leases. This work is controlled by lease stipulations.

The proposed action is not inconsistent with the purposes of the Act.

C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

The above named Integrated Activity Plans and Environmental Impact Statements describe the area, likely activities, and mitigating measures.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed?

The current proposed action is a type of action anticipated in the Integrated activity Plans and Environmental Impact Statements.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?

The relevant planning and NEPA documents evaluate an appropriate level of alternatives is broad enough to include current, concerns, interests, values, and circumstances.

3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; Unified Watershed Assessment categorizations; inventory and monitoring data; most recent Fish and Wildlife Service lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action?

The existing analysis continues to be valid for soils, geological and geophysical explorations as well as natural resource evaluations.

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?

The methodology and approach used in the relevant NEPA documents continue to be valid.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document sufficiently analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?

The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action lease stipulations, required stipulations from the Integrated Activity Plans /Environmental Impact Statements, and Required Operating Procedures are expected to be negligible.

6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

No additional analysis is necessary in this proposal which is minor and non-surface disturbing.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequately for the current proposed action?

Public involvement is adequate for this action.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

Name	Title	Resource Represented
Debbie Nigro	Wildlife, T&E Species	
Donna Wixon	Natural Resource Specialist (SCEP)	Recreation, Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Land Status
Matthew Whitman	Fisheries Biologist	Fisheries Habitat
Mike Kunz	Archeologist	Archeology, Native American Religion, and Paleontology
Stacie McIntosh	Anthropologist	Subsistence

F. Mitigation Measures:

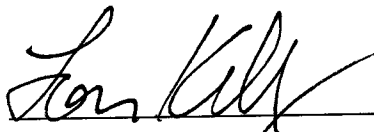
The applicant is held by lease stipulations for all operations on leases held in NPR-A. The applicant will be given a copy of the Required Operating Procedures for activities occurring in the Northwest area of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

A copy of the Raptor protection measures will be attached to the permit.

No other stipulations are necessary.

CONCLUSION

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.



Signature of the Responsible Official

Jan 10, 2006
Date